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decreased the number of works obtained from that source, those received having been mainly continuations of periodicals and serial works previously subscribed for. It is hoped, however, that the embarrassment is merely temporary, as the income from the Fund will be hereafter materially increased by the rents of the properties thus acquired.

The Academy is indebted to Mr. Jos. Jeanes for a gift of \$500.00 for the purchase of botanical, and \$239.80 for geological works actually required by the workers in these departments. The books most urgently asked for, have been ordered, and those which have been received are noted in the accompanying list of additions to the library.

The revision of the catalogue of American journals has been completed. Applications have been made for deficiencies in every case where it was at all probable that the publishers could be reached, and proposals to exchange have been made to a few societies not yet in correspondence with us. The latter are mainly in South America, and judging by the experience of the past, the answers, which we have not yet had time to receive, will be favorable.

EDW. J. NOLAN,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE CURATORS.

The Curators present the following report of the Museum prepared by Mr. Chas. F. Parker, in special charge of the same.

I would respectfully report, that during the year all the collections of the Museum have been carefully inspected and cared for, and that they are in good condition.

The specimens received during the year have been labeled and placed in their proper positions.

The contributions in the various departments during the year, excepting those reported on by some of the special sections, follows, and will be found included in the "List of additions to the Museum."

The Haldeman collection, noted in the list, has been partially arranged in forty drawers and nine horizontal cases. A large

number of specimens had to be packed away for want of room, which, it is hoped, will soon be provided for their display.

JOSEPH LEIDY, M. D.,
Chairman of Curators.

REPORT OF THE BIOLOGICAL AND MICROSCOPICAL SECTION.

Fifteen stated meetings were held during the year.

The following new members and associates were elected:

Members.—Robert S. Davis, E. P. Borden, J. E. Mitchell, Dr. Crozier Griffiths, Dr. George A. Rex, Edward P. Starr, D. S. Newhall.

Associates.—W. T. Seal, Dr. J. R. McClurg, J. H. Fenton.

The death of but one member was noticed upon the minutes of the section, that of Thomas W. Starr.

Besides the usual material presented at the meetings, the following special subjects were of more than ordinary interest:—

Dec. 6, 1880.—The anatomy of the Sponges, by Mr. Ryder.

Dec. 20, 1880.—An exhibition with a new Projecting Lantern, by Queen & Co.

Jan. 3, 1881.—Lecture upon Living Units and the Growth of Vegetable and Animal Matter, from the Original Cells or Bioplasts, by Dr. J. G. Hunt.

Jan. 17, 1881.—Lecture upon Mosses, by Dr. Hunt.

Feb. 7, 1881.—Lecture upon the subject, "Some Problems Within and Some that are Beyond Microscopical Observation," by Dr. Hunt.

Feb. 21, 1881.—Extended remarks upon the Anatomy of the Mosses and the best methods of Mounting, by Mr. Jacob Binder.

March 7, 1881.—The Microscopical Mechanism of some parts of the Digestive Organs, by Dr. Hunt.

March 21, 1881.—Extended remarks by Mr. George Binder upon the Fungi and the best method of mounting them.

March 21, 1881.—Observations by Mr. J. O. Schimmell upon the common Red Spider or Mite.

March 21, 1881.—A new method of bleaching vegetable tissues, by Mr. Jacob Binder.

April 4, 1881.—Lecture by Dr. Hunt upon the Significance of some Customs in Living Things.